(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The National Youth Policy is under formulation.

Pulling back of troops from Indo-Pak Border by India

127. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India took the initiative in May this year by pulling back its troops bases and installations all along the Indo-Pak border and the line of actual control in J & K, so as to ensure that Pakistan would also reciprocate by withdrawing their troops positions to diffuse tension; and

(b) if so, what has been the Pakistani response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes Sir. All armoured units carrying out training at Mahajan Ranges were unilaterally moved to their permanent locations in June, 1990 by India with a view to diffuse tension.

(b) There is information of some elements of Pak Armed Forces being in the process of moving back to their permanent locations. The position is being closely monitored.

World Bank Aid to India and China under UN Environment Programme

128. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(b) whether at the Montreal Conference held in the last week of June, 1990, under U.N. aegis with a view to protecting the Ozone layer $ 40 million each of aid was committed to India and China from out of a $ 240 million fund run by the World Bank, under UN environment programme etc.;

(b) if so, what were the terms of the aid; and

(c) the steps being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) The second meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol was held at London from 27-29 June, 1990. The Parties have agreed to establish a financial mechanism to assist the developing countries in switching over to ozone safe technologies. They have also agreed to set up an interim fund of US $ 160 million for the three year period from 1.1.1991 to 31.12.1993 which could be raise by another US $80 million if more developing countries become parties to the Protocol. There is no commitment for earmarking any amount to India or any other country in particular out of the proposed fund.

(b) The fund has not yet become operational and therefore, terms on which money is made available are to be framed. The purpose of the fund is to assist developing countries, who are Parties to the Protocol, to switch over to ozone safe technologies.

(c) India is not a signatory to the Montreal Protocol and a final decision is yet to be taken about joining the Protocol as amended at the London Conference.

Montreal Protocol to Protect Ozone Layer

129. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: